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### State awards \$5.1 million in Training Acceleration Grants

INDIANAPOLIS (February 19, 2008) -- The Indiana Department of Workforce Development in coordination with its WorkOne centers and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation have awarded \$5,124,868 in Training Acceleration Grants to 53 Indiana companies or consortia.

The Training Acceleration Grant program is the state's primary incumbent worker training program. It provides matching grants to companies and organizations seeking to expand the skills of existing workers through training, which results in industry-recognized credentials.

"Training grants help our Indiana companies and their workers stay competitive," said Teresa Voors, commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

"An educated workforce is the cornerstone of our state's economy," said Nathan J. Feltman, Secretary of Commerce and chief executive officer of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. "The Training Acceleration Grant program helps Indiana companies increase the skills of their workforce and sets the foundation for a more diverse economic base that will continue to pay dividends well into the future."

The program has four core objectives: promoting small businesses; fostering job retention and expansion; increasing personal income for Hoosier workers; and providing training to address skill gaps in the Hoosier workforce.

The grants announced today were awarded by the state in November and December 2007 and January 2008.

Following are the firms that were awarded the grants, location, number of trainees, amounts awarded, and outcomes:

Employer	City	Trainees	Award	Outcomes
Ahaus Tool & Engineering, Inc.	Richmond	15	\$42,720.00	Manufacturing Industrial Technology Apprenticeship and Mechanical Engineering Technologist Associate Degree
Alcoa	Newburgh	97	\$199,921.00	Apprenticeships - General Mechanic & Electrical Specialist Apprentices - BAT Certification and Journeyman Upgrade Training

Alcoa	Lafayette	14	\$31,708.00	Journey worker Millwright & Electrical
Allied Solutions	Carmel	22	\$51,240.60	Associates Degrees-Associate of Applied Science:1 CTA -CPLP Certified Professional of Learning and Development:4 Other/Customized Certificates - CEBS Certified Employee Benefits Specialist:1 CPP - Certified Payroll Professional:1 CBAP - Certified Business Analysis Professional CAPM - Certified Associate Project Management:2 MS Project Certification Level 1 & 2:5 MCSE - Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer:1 MCDBA - Microsoft Certified Database Administrator:1 Other/Customized Certificates - RHCE - red hat Certified Engineer:1 PHR - Professional in Human Resources:2 CCNA - Cisco Certified Network Analysis:1
Ambassador Steel Corporation	Auburn	14	\$96,040.00	Sage MAS 500 - Core Applications, Manufacturing Applications, and Warehouse Automation
Anchor Industries	Evansville	60	\$112,100.00	Certificate of Applied Learning-Lean Certification Level 1
Aptera Software	Fort Wayne	11	\$38,495.00	Certified Ethical Hacker and Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist
ArcelorMittal Consortium	East Chicago	120	\$170,000.00	Energy Efficiency Practitioner Certification
Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, Inc.	Huntington	160	\$167,700.00	National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) - Advanced Manufacturing
Bloom Marketing Group (Services)	Bloomington	301	\$196,734.00	Career Development Certificate/Bloom Services Associate Certificate
BP Products North America, Inc.	Whiting	58	\$199,002.00	Instrumentation and Electrical Apprenticeship
Cass/Logansport Industrial Alliance	Logansport	4	\$4,374.00	CDC, College Credit Hours
CertainTeed Corporation	Terre Haute	8	\$22,400.00	Management and Supervisory Industrial Certification

Creative Wood Designs	Ligonier	20	\$131,250.00	National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Pollutants Spray Operator Certificate (20), Advanced Wood Certificate (20), American Wood Finishing Institute Color Styling Certificate (20), Master Glazer Multi-Step Finishing Certification (20)
Current Technologies Computer Learning Center	Portage	24	\$86,995.00	Other / Customized Certificates - IC3/Security 5, CompTIA A+, Microsoft MCTS SQL Server 2005, TIA Convergence Tech Prof, Cisco CCNA, CCIS, CCIE, CCVP, CCSP, EC-Council CEH
D&D Automation, Inc.	Terre Haute	4	\$14,787.00	Control Data Computer Industrial Programming, Associate of Applied Science Machine Tool, Solid works Professional, and Career Development Certificate computer numerical control programming
Deborah Wood Associates	Carmel	80	\$181,313.00	Marketing Research Assoc. Professional Research Certification, Certified Associate in Project Management, Project Management Professional, Lean Six Sigma- Yellow and Green Belt
Enviroplas	Evansville	10	\$24,004.00	Career Development Certificate - Plastics
Essex Group, Inc	Fort Wayne	64	\$162,940.00	Six Sigma Green Belt, Microsoft Security, and SQL administration
Heat Power Engineering	Fort Wayne	3	\$3,077.00	Associate of Science Degree Chemical Methods and Certified Water Technologist
Hillenbrand Industries Inc. & Affiliates	Batesville	95	\$199,500.00	Management Supervisor Institute Certification
Howard/Tipton Training Alliance	Kokomo	8	\$4,812.00	CDC, College Credit Hours
Indiana Automotive Fasteners	Greenfield	13	\$91,000.00	Maintenance Apprenticeship, Associate of Science Degree Pre-Engineering, Associate Degree Business Administration and Associate Degree Marketing
International Automotive Components (IAC) Greencastle, LLC	Greencastle	48	\$134,369.00	Journey Level Upgrades, Career Development - Pre Apprenticeships, and Bureau of Apprenticeship Training (Tool & Die, Machine Repair and Electrician)
J.E. Shekell	Evansville	63	\$91,555.00	Journey Level Upgrade-HVAC Journey Level Upgrade, NATE Prep & NATE Certification

Jackson County Industrial Development Corporation # 4	Seymour	37	\$110,852.00	Management Supervisory Institute
Jackson County Industrial Development Corporation #5	Seymour	38	\$114,912.00	Management Supervisory Institute
Jeffboat LLC	Jeffersonville	280	\$198,184.00	ABS Welding Certifications/College Credit
Kamaya, Inc	Fort Wayne	8	\$28,000.00	Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator, Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer and Microsoft Office Specialist Master - Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access
Kroger Limited Partnership II, dba Peyton's Northern	Bluffton	29	\$157,462.50	Certificates of Completion: Electrical, Mechanical, Automation, Hydraulics (w/Assessment)
Magnetech	South Bend	21	\$92,970.00	Apprenticeship in Electrical Motors ,Vibration Analyst Introduction and Basic, and Lean Practitioner
Manar, Inc	Edinburgh	20	\$9,908.00	Certificate of Applied Learning - Print Reading and Geometric Dimensioning & Tolerancing
Manchester Metals	North Manchester	100	\$141,750.00	Lean Production Systems- Generalist, Lean Champion, Practitioner, Six Sigma Green Belt, Six Sigma Black Belt, Quality Management Systems - Process Failure Modes & Effects Analysis, Production Part Approval Process, Internal Auditor, Advanced Product Quality Planning, and Process Audit
Marbach, Brady & Weaver, Inc.	Elkhart	8	\$28,000.00	AutoDesk Civil 3D Certificates
Miller's Health Systems, Inc.	Warsaw	37	\$37,990.00	Bachelor of Nursing- RN
New Paris Telephone <sup>3</sup>	New Paris	7	\$35,700.00	Microsoft Certified Professional 70-290 Managing & Maintaining Windows Server 2003; Microsoft Certified Professional 70-291 Infrastructure Administration Server 2003; Microsoft Certified Technical Specialist 70-620 Window Vista Configuration; and Microsoft Certified Technical Specialist 70-624 Window Vista 2007
Nightingale Home Healthcare, Inc.	Carmel	5	\$37,351.00	Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and Registered Nurse (RN)
Norton Packaging	Hamlet	63	\$33,450.00	Advanced Manufacturing Certificate: Continuous Improvement Team Member, Practitioner and Internal Auditor
Oak View Tooling, Inc.	Columbia City	2	\$3,777.00	Associate of Applied Science, Management Specialty and Associate of Applied Science, Machine Tool Technology

OFS Styline	Huntingburg	105	\$135,135.00	Certified Predictive Index Analyst
Our Sunday Visitor	Huntington	105	\$93,110.00	Associate of Science Degree Organizational Management and Microsoft Office Specialist Certification
Parrish/Meyer Machine Inc.	South Bend	10	9885	Solid Works 2008 - Essential, Advanced Assembly Modeling, Advanced Part Modeling, Drawing and Welding
Perpetual Technologies	Indianapolis	59	199914	Oracle Certified Associate - Database Administration 1 and Developer; Cognos 8 Business Information Administrator and Developer; Oracle Certified Professional - Database Administration 1, Database Administration 2, Administrator 1, E- Business Financial, Forms, E-Business Supply Chain, Application Server 1, Application Server 2; Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE); Microsoft Certified IT Professional- Database Administrator and Developer; and Certified Information Systems Security Professional
Personix	Indianapolis	298	\$181,100.00	Advanced Manufacturing Certificates: Associate, Team Member, Practitioner, TWI Job Relations, Strategy Metrics (325)
Plymouth Economic Development Corp. TWI consortia	Plymouth	64	\$98,454	Advanced Manufacturing - Job Relations, Job Methods, Job Instructions
Polygon Company	Walkerton	1	\$5,876.00	Industrial Electrical Maintenance Apprenticeship
Red Gold, Inc.	Elwood	134	200000	Lean Tool Practitioner, Level 4 Advance Manufacturing Master Certificate - Black, Level 1 Advance Manufacturing - Green Belt
Reel Time Logistics	Terre Haute	5	\$16,500.00	Management and Supervisory Certification
Sigma Theta Tau International	Indianapolis	5	\$17,525.00	Certificate of Applied Learning in Marketing Technology and Digital Media
The LaPorte Savings Bank	LaPorte	54	\$196,000.00	Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist in Microsoft SQL Server 2005, Internet & Computing Core Certification IC3/Security 5, Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) and Certified Hacker Forensic Investigator (CHFI)
Tyson Fresh Meats	Logansport	34	\$184,403.00	Maintenance Mechanic I (34) Maintenance Mechanic II (34)
Univertical Chemical Corporation	Angola	7	\$28,377.00	Associate Degrees- Industrial Maintenance and Business Administration; Microsoft Office Specialist - Access, Word, Outlook, PowerPoint and Excel; Microsoft

Office Specialist Expert - Word and Excel; Six Sigma Black Belt

Univertical Corporation	Angola	15	\$61,629.00	Associate of Science (6), Microsoft Office Specialist Certifications (14), Human Resource Management Core Certificate (1), Microsoft Office Specialist - Expert (6)
Vectren Corporation	Evansville	20	\$70,000.00	Six Sigma Green Belt
Western Consolidated Technologies	Fremont	21	\$33,057.00	Associate of Science - Computer Technology and Business Administration, Human Resources; Microsoft Office Specialist - Outlook, Access Advanced and Advanced Excel; Six Sigma Green Belt; Six Sigma Black Belt; Maintenance Training Assoc. of America Certification
Woodwind & Brasswind	South Bend	7	\$24,660.00	Cisco Cert. Network Associate (CCNA); CompTia IT Project +and Pro+; Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP); Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP)C#; Microsoft Certified Technical Specialist (MCST) SQL 2006 and .NET 2.0 Web Applications
Workforce Development Maple Train Exchange Server	South Bend	21	\$80,850.00	Microsoft Exchange Server 2007

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies to create new jobs and improve employee skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, partners with Indiana's 35 WorkOne Centers and 50 WorkOne Express Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates a statewide job placement service.

Established under Governor Mitch Daniels in 2005 to replace the former Department of Commerce, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation is governed by a 12-member board chaired by Governor Daniels. Indiana Secretary of Commerce Nathan Feltman serves as the chief executive officer of the IEDC. Since the creation of the IEDC, the state has posted three consecutive years of record-breaking commitments for new jobs.